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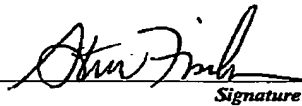
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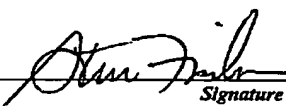
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to amend the above-identified application as follows and solicit reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and following remarks.

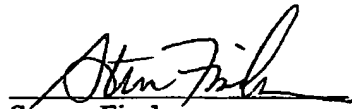
Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper

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